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SUBJECT: OPERATION TRIZO (GF-TA-75-8001)

### 1. SUMMARY:

THIS WILL SERVE TO NOTIFY ADDRESSEES OF THE STATUS OF OPERATION TRIZO AND ITS CONCLUSION IN MEXICO'S INTENSIFIED ERADICATION SPRING CAMPAIGN. OPERATION TRIZO 1976 WILL RESUME IN MID-SEPTEMBER AND CARRY ON TIL END OF NOVEMBER. END SUMMARY.

2. OPERATION TRIZO 1976 WILL COVER DEA'S ACTIVITIES AND MONITORING OF THE MEXICAN ERADICATION CAMPAIGN FROM JANUARY TO END OF MAY 1976 AND WILL RESUME WITH THE SECOND PHASE OF THIS YEAR'S INTENSIFIED EFFORT IN MID-SEPTEMBER UNTIL THE END OF NOVEMBER, FOLLOWED BY OPERATION TRIZO 1977 IN JANUARY OF THAT YEAR.

3. IT IS OUR PLAN TO WIND UP OPERATIONS IN ZONE I BY APRIL 14. ALL DEA TDY PERSONNEL ASSIGNED TO ZONE I WILL PROCESS OUT OF THE MCRO BY NO LATER THAN APRIL 17. THE MEXICAN OFFICIALS AT THE CULIACAN OPERATIONS CENTER WILL CONCLUDE THEIR INTENSIFIED OPERA-  
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TIONS BY APRIL 14 AND WILL NOT RETURN FOR DUTY UNTIL APRIL 19.

THE FIVE EVERGREEN PILOTS WILL BE RETURNING TO THE U.S. ON APRIL 17 AND THE TWO ASSISTANT MECHANICS, BOB ATKINS AND VANCE HILL, WILL LEAVE CULIACAN FOR THE U.S. ON APRIL 9. THE MEXICAN ERADICATION CAMPAIGN WILL CONTINUE ON TO THE FIRST OF MAY; HOWEVER, DEA WILL MAINTAIN PRESENCE THERE WITH REGION 15 PERSONNEL ALLOWING ALL DEA TDY AGENTS TO RETURN TO THEIR POST OF DUTY.

4. IN ZONE II, ALL TDY AGENT PERSONNEL WILL RETURN TO THEIR POST OF DUTY BY APRIL 17 AFTER PROCESSING OUT OF THE MCRO. HOWEVER, AN INTENSIFIED INTERDICTION PROGRAM IS BEING CONDUCTED IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE STATE OF MICHOACAN BY GENERAL QUINTANAR THAT WILL BEGIN ON APRIL 10 AND LAST UNTIL APRIL 23RD. ASSISTING THIS INTENSIFIED INTERDICTION EFFORT WILL BE DEA AGENTS FROM THE GUADALAJARA D.O. WHO ARE PARTICIPATING IN OPERATION TRIZO. THEREFORE, ZONE II OPERATION TRIZO ACTIVITY WILL CONCLUDE ON APRIL 23RD.

5. ZONE III OPERATION TRIZO ACTIVITY FOR THE MOST PART WAS CONCLUDED ON MARCH 20 AND HAS BEEN SUPPORTED BY THE MCRO ON A CASE BY CASE BASIS BY THE FIELD SUPERVISOR IN CHARGE OF ZONE III.

6. AT THE PRESENT THERE ARE SIX DEA AIRCRAFT CONDUCTING RECON MISSIONS IN ZONE I. THESE AIRCRAFT AND AGENT PILOTS WILL RETURN TO THEIR POST OF DUTY AFTER PROCESSING OUT OF THE MCRO ON APRIL 17. HOWEVER, IT IS GOM'S REQUEST THAT A LAST INTENSIFIED RECON BE CONDUCTED FOR 25 DAYS WITH ALL SIX DEA AIRCRAFT BEGINNING MAY 10 AND CONCLUDING JUNE 5, 1976. OUR PLAN IS TO HAVE THE SIX DEA AIRCRAFT CONDUCT A FIVE DAY RECON MISSION IN ZONE III COVERING THE STATES OF OAXACA AND GUERRERO, THEN CONTINUING TO ZONE II FOR ANOTHER 5 DAYS RECON MISSION OVER THE STATES OF MICHOACAN, COLIMA, AND JALISCO, AND FINISHING IN ZONE I WITH A TWO WEEK RECON MISSION COVERING THE GROWING AREAS OF THE STATES OF SINALOA, DURANGO, AND CHIHUAHUA. IT IS REQUESTED THAT DURING THE TIME THAT THE DEA AIRCRAFT RETURN ON APRIL 17 AND THEIR ANTICIPATED UTILIZATION STARTING MAY 10, THAT ALL AIRCRAFT BE GIVEN FULL MAINTENANCE AND BE IN TOP CONDITION SO THAT THERE MAY BE NO DOWN TIME ON THESE AIRCRAFT DURING THE 25 DAY PERIOD.

6. AT THE PRESENT TIME THE ONLY SIGNIFICANT ACTIVITY CONCERNING OPIUM ERADICATION IS CENTERED IN ZONE I. MEXICAN AND DEA RECON MISSIONS ESTIMATE THAT THERE ARE APPROXIMATELY 500 OPIUM FIELDS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LEFT TO BE DESTROYED IN ZONE I. THIS CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED BEFORE EASTER THEREBY LEAVING ONLY SCATTERED FIELDS FOR MOP-UP OPERATIONS WHICH THE MEXICAN CULIACAN OPERATIONS CENTER INTENDS TO ACCOMPLISH THE LAST TWO WEEKS IN APRIL. IT IS THEREFORE NOT NECESSARY FOR DEA TO MAINTAIN THE FULL ZONE I CONTINGENT BUT WILL HAVE REGION 15 AGENTS TO FOLLOW THROUGH TO THE END OF THE MEXICAN INTENSIFIED CAMPAIGN. IN ADDITION, PRIOR TO THE MAIN BODY OF ZONE I PERSONNEL LEAVING THAT AREA, ALL SOURCES WILL BE DEBRIEFED.

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